GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1151
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Central Financial Assistance under PIDDC
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits (PIDDC) provided to various States during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has reviewed this scheme;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the amenities and infrastructure proposed to be upgraded at Puri under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The list of number of projects and amount sanctioned to various States/UTs during 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 is given at Annexure.

(b) and (c): Pursuant to acceptance of the 14th Finance Commission"s recommendations for higher devolution of 42% to States from Union taxes and duties, Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme has been delinked from the Union Support. For the current financial year, i.e. 2015-16, for the UT Plan an amount of Rs.20 crore only has been provided under the Scheme.

(d): Under National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD), a Project for Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham, Gundicha Temple, Ramchandi Temple− Prachi River front at Deuli has been sanctioned in the year 2014-15 for a total cost of Rs.50 crore.
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